

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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## ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-04-82

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENTS  
ALL DSS ADOPTIONS DISTRICT OFFICES

SUBJECT: SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE RELINQUISHMENT ADOPTIONS BUREAU

This notice is to clarify the responsibility of the State Department of Social Services Relinquishment Adoptions Bureau in providing adoption services in counties which do not have a licensed public adoption agency.

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16130 authorizes the Department to provide adoption services in those counties which do not provide their own relinquishment adoption services. Currently, those counties served by the three district offices of the Relinquishment Adoptions Bureau are:

CHICO

Butte  
Colusa  
Glenn  
Lassen  
Modoc  
Nevada  
Plumas  
Sierra  
Siskiyou  
Sutter  
Tehama  
Trinity  
Yuba

SANTA ROSA

Del Norte  
Humboldt  
Lake  
Mendocino  
Napa  
Sonoma

SACRAMENTO

Amador  
Calaveras  
Kings  
Madera  
Mariposa  
Mono  
San Benito  
Tuolumne  
Yolo

Adoption services provided by the Department are those specified in Chapter 3 of Title 22 of the California Administrative Code, including:

1. Studying the child and those families who apply to adopt
2. Placement of children in approved adoptive homes
3. Post-placement supervision and services

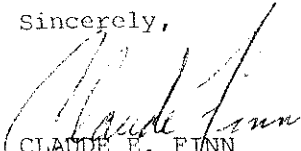
The Department of Social Services District Offices are not authorized to provide the child welfare services required for those children who are in need of a long-term care plan. Such children continue to be eligible for AFDC-FC payments and services through the county foster care system.

Therefore, when the Department of Social Services District Offices determine that a child is not adoptable, the child will be referred back to the appropriate county welfare or probation department. The Department of Social Services will, however, remain legally responsible for a relinquished child unless the relinquishment is rescinded.

When a referral is made by the Department of Social Services the county responsible for foster care services will be provided with a summary of the reasons for the determination that the child is not adoptable and a recommendation for alternative permanency planning.

If there are questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact John McConnell at (916) 323-0524.

Sincerely,



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